

0342.50.45.05 *Employment Test for the Caretaker Relative*

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For families to remain eligible beyond the seventh month of extended benefits, a caretaker relative must meet an employment test. Unless there is good cause, a caretaker relative must be employed. The caretaker relative must claim good cause on the income report form in order to have the circumstances of a lack of employment considered. (See Section 0342.50.60.10 for Good Cause.)

A caretaker relative must have earnings under the employment test even if the loss of benefits from the Family Independence Program or Section 1931 MA was caused by the earnings of another family member.

If a caretaker relative fails the employment test without good cause, ~~InRhodes will discontinue~~ extended ~~MA benefits~~ benefits are discontinued on the last day of the 7th month of extended MA. InRhodes ~~will generate~~s a notice of discontinuance to the recipient. ~~Since the caretaker relative is required to be employed unless there is good cause, the caretaker relative must also meet the employment test when the second earned income report is filed in month thirteen (13).~~ in month seven (7).

~~Failure to do so, without good cause, will result in the discontinuance of extended MA on the last day of month thirteen seven (137).~~